

METHOD FOR HANDING OFF MULTIPLE DESCRIPTION
STREAMING MEDIA SESSIONS
BETWEEN SERVERS IN A
MOBILE STREAMING MEDIA SYSTEM

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for handing off to a second server, in either a fixed or mobile streaming media system, a multiple description streaming session between a first server and either a fixed or mobile client. In one embodiment, the present invention recites selecting a second server to receive a handoff of a multiple description streaming media session between the first server and the client. In this embodiment, the multiple description streaming media session is comprised of a first multiple description bitstream and a second multiple description bitstream. The present embodiment further recites receiving at the second server, the second multiple description bitstream for streaming to the client. This embodiment further recites sending the second multiple description bitstream from the second server to the client.